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LETTER TO CLARIFY PRIORITY CLAIMS

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Sir:

Applicants have noticed that the inventors' declaration makes reference to §120 priority claims (more specifically to Non-Provisional Application Nos. 09/915,093, 09/915,173, and 09/915,095 filed July 25, 2001, respectively), but that the specification makes no such claims and that the filing receipt likewise has no reference to the priority claims. Applicants do not intend to pursue the claims and instead wish to maintain the filing date of this application as their priority date. Apparently, neither the rules nor the MPEP provides any specific procedure for addressing such a situation as this. Consequently, applicants are sending this letter to clarify their intent of priority. If applicants need to provide some other form of notice (or perhaps a new inventors declaration), they would greatly appreciate being advised of such.

No fee is believed to be due. In the event a fee is applicable, authorization is hereby given to charge the require amount to Deposit Account No. 08-0219.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: November 25, 2002

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